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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Planning, Programming and Budgeting Staff  
SUBJECT : Prototype Twin Stage On-Line PI Comparator Contract

25X1 The item that NPIC is contracting for is a prototype Twin-Stage On-Line  
25X1 P.I. Comparator at a cost of [ ]-this is well below the [ ]  
25X1 Review Board normal minimum. Before this contract was awarded, DIA sent  
through a request for a [ ] 880 Comparator, a totally different instru-  
ment, a standard comparator with minor modifications. However, this unit  
utilizes the same digitizing system, i.e., shaft encoders and electronic  
accumulators. By combining these two orders within a single contract  
award, [ ] OL/PD, was able to get a substantial cost reduction on  
the duplicate digitizing systems--on the order of [ ]--a significant  
savings to the Government. Our item is a research and development proto-  
type. DIA's unit is a standard tack-on procurement. However, combining  
the two in the negotiation raised the cost of the negotiation above [ ]  
to [ ] It is highly questionable why, under these circumstances,  
the action should have to go to the Contract Review Board. In the past,  
such tack-on procurements have been exempt. They have obviously changed  
the procedure. There was no attempt to by-pass the DDI Planning Office.  
We were as surprised as anyone that this action went to the Contract  
Review Board.

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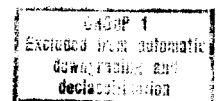
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